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SHELTON STATE HOMECOMING 2000

Get the Spirit

Shelton will celebrate its third annual homecoming November 6 - 9. A number of events are planned during the week including a luncheon honoring Shelton retirees, a pep rally, a musical program, and a kickboxing exhibit. The week will climax on Thursday with basketball games, the crowning of the new homecoming queen, and a dance in the gymnasium. A complete schedule of events includes:

Monday, November 6:

12 noon: Introduction of the Homecoming Queen finalists.

Tuesday, November 7:

12 noon D Rooms: Lunch honoring retirees.

1 p.m. Bach to Rock concert

Wednesday, November 8:

10 a.m. Kickboxing class

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pep rally! Outside behind the Atrium.

Thursday, November 9:

Gymnasium

5 p.m. Shelton women's basketball

7 p.m. Shelton's men's basketball

The 2000 Homecoming Queen will be crowned and her court introduced during halftime of the men's game. Food will be for sale by the Alumni Association. After the games, a dance will be held in the gymnasium.

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SHELTON PRESIDENT HONORED AT RECEPTION

It could easily be the story of "hometown boy makes good."

When Rick Rogers was named president of Shelton State Community College this fall, he became the first president in the history of the college to be born and raised in Tuscaloosa County.

The son of a Baptist minister, Rogers grew up in Fosters, Alabama, and graduated from Tuscaloosa County High School. An avid Alabama fan, Rogers received his B.S. degree and Ph.D. from the University of Alabama.

Last Sunday Rogers was honored by the faculty and staff of the college, along with community leaders, with a reception at Shelton State. Many new initiatives are planned for Shelton as the college enters this new era. Emphasis over the next few years will be placed on technical training and building a "world class" workforce for west Alabama. Developing partnerships will be a major strategy in order for Shelton State to achieve Rogers' goal, which is for Shelton State to become one of the 25 top two year colleges in the United

States.

A number of people from the community served as hosts for the reception. Local leaders included: Bobby Wilburn; Tim Shuman; Marsha Sprayberry; Jim Merrell; Susan Compton; Ryan DeGraffenried; Phillip Bobo; Sandra Ray; Charles Steele; Andrew A. Sorenson; Earnest McNealey; Joyce Sellers; Phil Poole; Louise Crawford and Jean Hinton. Dr. Fred Gainous also served as a host.

Marsha Sprayberry, the owner of Krackeroos, a local children's store, grew up with Rogers. "Everyone always knew Rick would succeed. Some people you just love to be around, and it was this way with Rick. He was so smart, but he was also humble, pleasant, and a lot of fun. Everyone I know feels this way about him. Of all the people I've ever known, he's the person I admire the most. Shelton State is fortunate to have him as president. It's an exciting honor for him," Sprayberry said.

Tim Shuman, general manager of Buffalo Rock, Pepsi, is another old friend of Rogers. "Rick and I have been good friends since the 9th grade. We double-dated in high school, and in college, we worked together

in the financial aid office at the University for four years.

"I think the thing that stands out the most in my mind about Rick is the way he handled the death of his father. Rick grew up in the country, and he was in high school when his father passed away. His family had a tough time after his father's death. However, Rick developed a strong work ethic and the ability to succeed during this difficult time," Shuman said.

PROCTOR AND GAMBLE EXECUTIVE VISITS SHELTON

"Everyone has to develop their own ethical statement. You have to ground yourself in your own belief system. Climbing the corporate ladder doesn't make you better. You have to decide for yourself who you are," says Joey Viselli, one of Fran Viselli's sons and the national marketing and sales director for Proctor and Gamble.

Viselli was at Shelton recently and spoke to William Aldridge's economic classes. Viselli, who grew up in Tuscaloosa, attended Holy Spirit Catholic School graduated from Tuscaloosa County High School, and went on to receive his B.S. degree from the University of Alabama. "Shelton was fortunate to have a top executive for Proctor and Gamble, one of only 30 companies in the Dow

Jones Industrial Index. It's great when you can introduce students to a high profile company on the cutting edge of our dynamic economy.

Viselli was in Tuscaloosa during the Alabama-Ole Miss weekend marketing Proctor and Gamble's Tide detergent. Part of Viselli's marketing strategy was a display on the UA campus of a replica of the new NASCAR car. The No. 32 Ford Taurus, designed with a crimson and white color scheme and Alabama logo, made its debut that weekend. The car was a replica of the actual car used by Winston Cup rookie Scott Pruett's racing team at Talladega Superspeedway for the Winston Cup Diehard 5000. Tide was the corporate sponsor for this weekend's game.

"There's only a small difference between mediocrity and success. You have to put in effort. I'm constantly trying to grow. Leaders are often afraid of change," Viselli says.

"I believe I got a good education growing up in Tuscaloosa. In fact, I believe you can get a good education wherever you are if you try. I'm a graduate of the University of Alabama; yet, I'm constantly competing against people from the 'Ivy League' schools," he says.

Viselli, who now lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, has one child, and he and his wife are expecting their second baby in November. He is thoroughly sold on Proctor and Gamble and encouraged

students during the talk to apply for a position if they are interested. "It's an easy process to apply for a job with the company, but you must go online to do so. Proctor and Gamble moves people up in the company," he says.

'ROUND THE CAMPUS

Congratulations to Kim Inman Smith who was recently selected a contributing author for Mosby's Comprehensive Review of Practical Nursing for NCLEX-P.N. It is the 13th edition with a Mosby's Inc. publication date of 2001. Smith will write Chapter 6, Mental Health Nursing.

Trumbauer Festival

Shelton State will host a Trumbauer Festival November 3-4 in the theater area of the college. Over 500 high school students from a six-county area will participate in the two-day competition. On Friday, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 30 high schools will participate in the one-act competition.

On Saturday, the individual events (IE) will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. An awards ceremony will be held at the end of the competition.

This is the second year Shelton State has hosted the Trumbauer Festival under the leadership of Michael Carr.